

MAY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH 2019

Calendar of Events

<u>Date, Time, Location</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Event Description</u>
<u>Wednesday, May 1, 2019</u> Time: After First Votes Location: East Steps of the Capitol (If it is raining, picture will be taken in the Rayburn Room)	Group Photo with Congressional Members and Mental Health Advocates Green Ribbon Day Hosted by the Congressional Mental Health Caucus in conjunction with Mental Health Advocacy Groups	<p>Members are encouraged to show their support for mental health by joining mental health advocates for a group photo and wearing a green ribbon.</p> <p>Green ribbons can be picked up in the office of Congresswoman Napolitano 1610 Longworth.</p> <p>To sign-up for the photo contact Joseph Ciccone (Rep. Napolitano) Joseph.Ciccone@mail.house.gov or 5-5256 or Jennifer Wood (Rep. Katko) Jennifer.Wood@mail.house.gov or 5-3701.</p>
<u>Thursday, May 9, 2019</u> Time: 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm Location: 2103 RHOB ***Lunch Will Be Provided***	Let's Improve Medication Choices for Medicare Beneficiaries with Depression Hosted by Myriad in conjunction with the Congressional Mental Health Caucus	<p>Health care providers prescribing depression medications for Medicare beneficiaries need more tools to direct their decisions and greater flexibility to change course when clinically appropriate. Forcing patients to fail on medications based on cost rather than allowing a physician to select the most appropriate drug based on the individual patient's clinical and genetic needs, will negatively affect health outcomes and ultimately increase healthcare system costs. The speakers will discuss two Medicare policies in need of change that limit physician treatment decisions.</p>
<u>Wednesday, May 15, 2019</u> Time: 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm Location: 2043 RHOB ***Lunch Will Be Provided***	The Decarceration of Transition Age Youth with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and Mental Disorders Hosted by the National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors in conjunction with the Congressional Mental Health Caucus	<p>The incarceration of adults with mental illness and substance use conditions has reached crisis levels. Fully three quarters of those incarcerated in city and county jails suffer for these problems. Much less well known is the fact that transition age youth with intellectual/developmental disability and mental illness have grown to 10 percent of this population in recent years. This session will describe the causes for this problem and discuss potential program remedies. Needed legislative changes will be outlined.</p>

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<p><u>Thursday, May 16, 2019</u></p> <p>Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am</p> <p>Location: 122 CHOB</p>	<p>Veteran Suicide 101 Briefing</p> <p>Hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in conjunction with the Congressional Mental Health Caucus' Military Mental Health Taskforce</p>	<p>**Still working on the final details of the briefing</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, May 21, 2019</u></p> <p>Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am</p> <p>Location: 2103 RHOB</p>	<p>A Look at Mental Health Access and Protections on the Local Level</p> <p>Hosted by the American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, National Alliance on Mental Illness, and the National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health in conjunction with the Congressional Mental Health Caucus</p>	<p>While the federal government sets guidelines that state mental health systems must meet, states do have the power to expand upon these standards and offer increased access and protections. This means mental health services and regulations can look very different in each state and even each county. This briefing will examine how states and local governments (e.g. cities and counties) are working to create improved services that can serve as a guideline for Congress.</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, May 22, 2019</u></p> <p>Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am</p> <p>Location: 2103 RHOB</p>	<p>Examining the Benefits of Mental Health Services in Schools</p> <p>Hosted by the American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, National Alliance on Mental Illness, and the National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health in conjunction with the Congressional Mental Health Caucus</p>	<p>This briefing will examine the benefits of HR 1109, the Mental Health Services for Students Act which would provide increased federal funding for mental health services in our schools. 1 out of 5 children and adolescents in America suffer from some form of mental illness, and most go untreated because they either cannot afford care, lack access, or do not know anyone they can turn to for help. Without help, youth with untreated mental illnesses are more likely to fall victim to crime, imprisonment, or suicide later in life. Investing in preventive mental health would give our youth a better future.</p>